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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: AFGHANISTAN: ARMACOST
PARTICIPATION IN RABBANI VISIT (S/S 8617607)

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ROME FOR UNDER SECRETARY ARMACOST, TOPOL - 020044

TO P - MR. ARMACOST FROM NEA - RICHARD W. MURPHY

1. ISSUES FOR DECISION

HOW YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE 14-19 VISIT OF
AFGHAN RESISTANCE ALLIANCE SPOKESMAN RABBANI.

2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS

THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE RABBANI AND THE OTHER
RESISTANCE LEADERS WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING HIM DURING

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HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. ON JUNE 16 AT 11:30 A.M. WE

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UNDERSTAND THAT TIME HAS BEEN SET ASIDE ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE ON JUNE 17 FOR A MEETING WITH THE AFGHANS. WE ARE SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR RABBANI ET AL WITH THE SECRETARY WHO WE ANTICIPATE WILL ATTEND THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE AFGHANS. WE ARE PROPOSING THAT JOHN WHITEHEAD HOST A LUNCH IN WHICH RABBANI AND HIS

COLLEAGUES WOULD DISCUSS CROSS-BORDER ASSISTANCE WITH PETER MCPHERSON AND AMBASSADORS FROM POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES. PETER WILL ALSO HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE AFGHANS, AS WILL CHARLIE WICK. EXTENSIVE CONGRESSIONAL AND MEDIA CONTACTS ARE ALSO PLANNED.

I RECOMMEND THAT YOU AGREE TO SERVE AS RABBANI'S SUBSTANTIVE INTERLOCUTOR AND HOST. BY DOING THIS, YOU WILL DEMONSTRATE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE TAKE THE VISIT AND WILL HIGHLIGHT YOUR POSITION AS THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH MANAGING OUR AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY. I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD RECEIVE RABBANI AND THE OTHER LEADERS IN YOUR OFFICE NEAR THE START OF THEIR STAY IN WASHINGTON AND ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU LEAD THE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS, IN A CONFERENCE ROOM SETTING WHICH WE PROPOSE TO ARRANGE BETWEEN THE AFGHANS AND THE DEPARTMENT, NSC, AID, USIA, AND DOD OFFICERS WHO ARE EXPERT IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR STRATEGY. FINALLY, AS A GESTURE OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THEIR VISIT, I RECOMMEND YOU GREET THE AFGHANS AT THE AIRPORT ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. (THIS COULD BE OVER THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 14-15.)

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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A. THAT YOU RECEIVE RABBANI AND THE OTHER LEADERS IN YOUR OFFICE NEAR THE START OF THEIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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B. THAT YOU LEAD U.S.-RESISTANCE DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH U.S. EXPERTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR STRATEGY WOULD BE INVOLVED.

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C. THAT YOU GREET THE AFGHANS AT THE AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL.

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5. ATTACHMENT: NOTIONAL SCHEDULE FOR THE RABBANI VISIT.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

ARRIVE IN THE U.S. (TIME AND PORT OF ENTRY NOT YET KNOWN)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

POSSIBLE PRESS OPPORTUNITIES, INTERVIEWS

MONDAY, JUNE 16

1130 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN (FIRM)

MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY ARMACOST

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MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON ISLAMIC COMMUNITY

MEETING WITH WICK

ISLAMIC CENTER EVENING PRAYER AND MEETING WITH RABBANI

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

1000 MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT (DATE FIRM, BUT NOT TIME)

INTERVIEW FOR THE "MORNING SHOW" TO BE SET UP BY WORLONET

LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS WITH HUMPHREY ET AL

POSSIBLE RECEPTION HOSTED BY PRINCE BANDAR AT THE SAUDI

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EMBASSY, TO BE ATTENDED BY MUSLIM AMBASSADORS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

STUDIO INTERVIEW OF RABBANI BY RADIO MARTI

1030 MEETING WITH MCPHERSON (FIRM)

**POSSIBLE LUNCHEON HOSTED BY WHITEHEAD, TO BE ATTENDED BY
AMBASSADORS FROM POTENTIAL AID-GIVING COUNTRIES**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**AFTERNOON COFFEE TO BE HOSTED BY O'NEILL AND HOUSE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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MEETINGS WITH ELECTRONIC AND PAPER PRESS

**SMALL DINNER HOSTED BY CONGRESSMAN WILSON, TO BE ATTENDED
BY SELECT MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND CONGRESS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

POSSIBLE RECEIPT OF HONORARY DEGREES

**RABBANI AND DELEGATION LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR EUROPE
SHULTZ**

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